

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 7292
 Clifford "Cliff" B. Stearns; Friends of)
 Cliff Stearns and Joan Stearns in her)
 official capacity as treasurer (Pre-)
 Probable Cause Conciliation and Case)
 Closing))

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on July 11, 2019, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 2-2 to:

- a. Reject the conciliation agreement.
- b. Go back and negotiate an agreement with a tougher penalty, one where Mr. Stearns would have personal liability for some of the penalty.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion,
 Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

2. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to:

- a. Accept the signed conciliation agreement with Clifford "Cliff" B. Stearns and Friends of Cliff Stearns and Joan Stearns in her official capacity as treasurer, as recommended in the Memorandum to the Commission dated June 19, 2019.
- b. Approve the appropriate letters.

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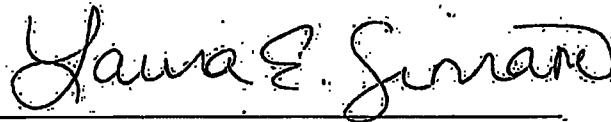
c. Close the file:

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

7/15/19

Date



Laura E. Sinram
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
Commission

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